

ABERHART MUST GO BEFORE KING'S VISIT

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ALBERTANS, AWAKE!

Your Greatest Enemy -- Not Aberhart, Not "Social Credit,"
But Your Indifference to Growing Public Immorality

Fight For Democracy -- or Lose It!

The Rebel Returns, Not
To Fight the Coward
Aberhart, But--

To Arouse Sleeping Albertans to Assume And Assert
Their Responsibilities of Citizenship

In the opening number of the first series of twelve issues of The Rebel published some months ago, we announced the purpose of the publication to be that of diverting public discussion from non-essentials to the basic issues created by the intrusion of Aberhartism into the political atmosphere of the province. We contended that Social Credit never had been an issue in the province, and that the real issue was one of morals and ethics as raised by the immoral and unethical tactics employed by Aberhart to insinuate himself into office. Throughout the twelve issues we held to this theme, in the hope that recognition of its truth would lead to taking action appropriate to the demands of the situation. We were disappointed; for, while there were sporadic outbursts of public indignation over the destructive and dangerous practices of the Aberhart government, disturbing factors intervened to stem the rising tide of resentment. Among other things, the unfortunate intrusion of partisan bickering among those opposed to the government distracted attention from the

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A CHALLENGE TO WAR VETERANS

ABERHART AS PREMIER DURING KING'S VISIT
WOULD BE INSULT TO HIS MAJESTY AND
BETRAYAL OF SACRED TRUST

We quote from the Constitution of the Canadian
Legion, B.E.S.L.:

"It (the Legion) shall stand for loyalty to the reigning

Will He Fight?

To Premier Aberhart:

Sir, If we considered it of any avail to appeal to a sense of public honor within you in order to induce you to come out in open defence of your public record, we should certainly do so.

But, you have demonstrated by your public conduct that honor, honesty and courage are not included in your conception of public duty.

You possess, it is true, a hide like that of a rhinoceros. It is your own proud boast that you have such a hide; and we believe you. However, it would seem that this rhinoceros hide is about the only piece of moral furniture you possess; your only virtue, if such it be.

It would therefore be wrong to treat you like an honest, honorable man. An appeal to virtues to which you have proven yourself to be a complete stranger could not possibly strike a responsive chord in your heart. Such an appeal would only flatter you and confirm you still further in your colossal conceit and dishonesty. Such an appeal would presume to recognize in you virtues which you do not possess, and you would, quite properly, interpret it as a sign of weakness; for, to treat you like an honest man would be to condone your infamy.

So, as we launch another series of The Rebel, we shall, as in the past, unless shown to be wrong, treat you as the contemptible coward, liar, crook and traitor we charge you to be. These are hard words. But any attitude less severe would not fit your case, and would therefore be unjust to you no less than to the public. If

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Sovereign, Canada and the Empire, for maintenance of the FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES of the British Constitution, for the development of a NATIONAL and UNITED spirit and for ORDERED GOVERNMENT in Canada. . . . Identical principles are the basis of all veterans' organizations in Canada. They are the principles of every war veteran as well as of every non-veteran worthy of the name Patriot.

But, principles and ideals have substance and value only as they find PRACTICAL APPLICATION. Truly standing for a principle does not imply alone its negative entertainment as a mental concept, but its translation into reality by positive action. Surely the recognition of the principles

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main issue; and, as we predicted in the final number of the "first" Rebel, discussion was again in large measure diverted to side-issues.

Therefore, as we again come to the public, we desire to make our present position quite clear. We want it definitely understood that while we still regard the exposure of Aberhart's public immorality as necessary and his removal from office on that score as vital to the introduction of honesty into public affairs, our chief aim will be to break down the indifference and apathy toward this immorality and to press for ACTION toward its elimination.

There is general recognition among opponents of the government, and even many Social Crediters agree, that Aberhart is a dishonest racketeer. In PRIVATE conversation many of these people use language in condemnation of his crookedness and cowardice that would make us blush. But their PUBLIC utterances do not reflect their private convictions. Naturally, Aberhart takes full advantage of the situation. He knows what is thought and spoken of him in private. He also knows that the disinclination to give public expression to views in harmony with private conviction makes for the weakening of conviction and inures the conscience to tolerate evil with indifference. He knows, too, that once evil is tolerated, the next steps are to compromise with it and finally to embrace it. And that, of course is his chief object—to gain acceptance of his immoral standards as normal and right.

The question therefore is whether the dishonesty, lying, cowardice and general reversal of moral standards introduced by Aberhart shall be the norm of public policy, or whether a pattern of honesty, truth and justice shall be insisted upon as the rule.

Our quarrel never has been primarily with Aberhart. We expect of him only dishonesty, lying and cowardice. Aberhart is in power because of apathy and indifference toward the evils he personifies, and if the standard of public morality is such as to tolerate the imposition, we have just what we deserve. Our quarrel in general must therefore be with this spirit of indifference. In particular, our quarrel is not so much with the rank and file of those opposed to Aberhartism, whom we feel to be genuinely desirous of action to remove the evil, as with many of those in positions of responsibility and leadership who, fully aware of the facts and needs of the situation, are either too smugly complacent in the face of danger or too cowardly to assert their convictions. There are exceptions, like J. T. Shaw, H. A. Dyde, Hugh Farthing, J. J. Bowlen, William Irvine, Elmer Roper, Lon Cavanaugh, Andy Davison, and a few others who have not hesitated to come out boldly on the real issues of the situation. Our intention is to deal frankly in a non-partizan way with the fundamentals involved, in the hope of arousing good citizens to militant action.

* The ideal of democracy predicates that the people have the intelligence and honesty to govern themselves. It predicates, too, as fundamental, that the people will, VOLUNTARILY, assume and EXERCISE their responsibilities of citizenship; and that democratic government is good or bad in direct ratio to the measure in which this presumed honesty and intelligence finds PRACTICAL APPLICATION in the affairs of state.

It is a matter of record that we have not, collectively, demonstrated possession of the intelligence and honesty essential to the right functioning of democracy. We have not assumed and asserted our individual responsibilities. Instead of encouraging honest men to enter public life, "politics" has been degraded and in large measure been left to those who, instead of regarding public office as a high honor and sacred trust, have used it for achieving personal gain. Instead of holding our public servants,

above all others, strictly accountable for their public conduct, we have made public office a paradise for demagogues and crooks.

Let us face realities. Government in Alberta today is by the concentrated mediocrity and dishonesty of the people rather than by their assembled wisdom and honor. It is not a matter of opinion, but of sober, incontrovertible fact, that Alberta is governed by a gang of irresponsible, incompetent political adventurers under the direction of an unprincipled scoundrel. It is not a matter of opinion that Aberhart is a public liar. It is not a matter of opinion that he is a contemptible coward.

But neither is it a matter of opinion that this degradation of public office is possible only because it is permitted by the citizens as a whole. It is not a matter of opinion that when citizens countenance, as they do in Alberta, the violation of every fundamental of honor and decency by their elected representatives, without having excited within them a degree of indignation that will lead to prompt removal of the offenders, they are themselves guilty of encouraging the offenders in their conduct.

Under such circumstances, the real enemies of the state are not so much the misguided, ignorant zealots, nor even the conscious subverters of good government, as the intelligent, informed, professed lovers of freedom who will not fight for their principles.

It is to the end of arousing liberty-loving citizens of Alberta to ACTION that we offer our services. To this end The Rebel is offered as the medium of expression for all who are uncompromisingly determined to preserve freedom of conscience and speech and British justice. Surely the forces of righteousness and justice can become as vocal, as zealous, as ACTIVE in the cause of honor and liberty as the forces of corruption are in the propagation of evil.

With YOUR moral and financial support The Rebel can arouse the pent-up righteous indignation and resentment of all true patriots over the cowardly usurpation and shameful abuse of power by the Aberhart gangsters, and by giving voice to these sentiments can become an irresistible force of public opinion that will oust these racketeers from their dishonorably acquired position, and at the same time lay the moral foundation for sanity and honesty in public affairs.

The Rebel is ready to "shoot." Are you ready to provide the "ammunition"?

Why the Name "Rebel"?

One of the questions frequently asked by friends during the period of the "first" Rebel was as to why we did not choose some other name for the publication as "Rebel" suggested rebellion, disobedience to authority, etc.

No doubt the same question will arise again, and to make our attitude in the matter clear, we wish to say that while we fully appreciate the good intentions of those who may have doubts regarding the appropriateness of the name "Rebel," it was chosen after much serious thought.

We recognize that in one sense the name has undesirable connotations. However, we decided upon that name for two reasons. One of these is that if we had chosen some such name as the "Patriot" or the "Democrat," it would have been largely discounted as boastful eye-wash. The other reason is that the name "Rebel" is intended to mean exactly what it says, in its highest connotations, of course. We ARE in rebellion. Not, however, against law and constituted authority, but against the dishonest, illegal and tyrannical practices of the Aberhart government.

He is a poor patriot and democrat indeed who will not rebel when his government prostitutes both patriotism and democracy. So "Rebel" it is, and remains, until the traitors now in control have been stripped of their ill-gotten power.

Blasphemy!

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Michael Cardinal Faulhaber of Germany has openly denounced the Nazi party as "blasphemous" because of its efforts to order the spiritual life of Germans. The Nazi catchphrase, "Service to the nation is service to God," he says, has been used to turn Germans from religion.

If Cardinal Faulhaber regards the comparatively mild Nazi slogan as blasphemous, we wonder what he would have to say of Aberhart's putrid prostitution of religion from the political pulpit of his Pathetic Bible Substitute, that odorous spiritual opium joint from which he peddles his immoral, soul- and conscience-destroying religio-political poison!

What could be more blasphemous than Aberhart's representation of Social Credit as "applied Christianity," and, worse still, as the "economy of God"? What of his pulpit claim that the Gospel of Mark is the "gospel of Social Credit"?

Germany has its Faulhabers and Niemoellers, men of the church who, in spite of persecution and even in danger of their liberties and lives, have the courage to denounce the paganistic blasphemies of Nazism.

But in Alberta we cannot see the woods for the trees. While we become hysterical over Hitler's persecution of religion in far-off Germany, we stand calmly, undisturbed, while Aberhart commits the vile blasphemies of dragging religion into the filth of his lies and slanders, making of Christ a party politician and reducing the Almighty to the level of a cheap magician who would do tricks with phoney money and crackpot economic absurdities just to satisfy the crazy whims of a religio-political racketeer.

In Germany, the proponents of Nazism at least have the honesty to commit their blasphemies through paganism, without representing their political nostrum as Christianity. But in Alberta, the Christian religion itself is used as the means of calumny and blasphemy, thus adding cowardice and duplicity to the offence.

And in the presence of this degrading spectacle of having their religion defiled and the Name of their Master publicly dragged through the mire of partizan politics, lies, slander and superstition by the arch-prostitute of religion, Aberhart, the vast majority of our religious leaders stand mute and apparently helpless. Why? In our next issue we shall have some pointed observations to offer in explanation of this paradox.

To Those Very "Brave" Critics Who Criticise The Critics For Criticising

From past experience, we have good reason to anticipate that with the appearance of The Rebel certain reverse-brained, self-styled professors of purity and dignity in public discussion will go into cat-fits of frothy and frenzied hysteria over what they will term our "maligning" and "vilifying" of our dear Premier.

These self-righteous, pharisaical hypocrites will, like the fools and cowards they are, rave and rant in fiery denunciation of the terrible audacity of those who would presume to take our dear Premier to task for his public misconduct.

But these same dim-wits will not have the decency and courage to name the person whom they criticise, or, when they do so, to make specific refutation of the indignity

allegedly offered by him to our dear Premier. For instance, they will hotly resent the charge that Aberhart is a public liar. But they will not, because they cannot, refute the facts upon which the charge is based. Instead, they will follow the example of Aberhart, whose allegedly injured innocence they profess to defend, and, like he, will presumptuously expect that, despite the facts to the contrary, their mere word is sufficient to settle the matter involved for all time; and, like he, they will attack his critics by inference and innuendo and the attribution of motives to them existing only in their silly imaginations or manufactured by the defence reactions of their guilty consciences. Thus, by their cowardly method of criticism, they will automatically commit an even graver offence against the person whom they attack than that which they profess to perceive in his criticism of the dear, "innocent" Aberhart.

These innuendo-critics love to pose as altruistic defenders of public virtue, but their acts prove them to be glorifiers of sham and hypocrisy. If they were really desirous of improving the tone of public life, they would direct their attention toward discovering the truth or otherwise of the charges against Aberhart and would press for appropriate action; for, if the serious charges against Aberhart are false, his accusers should be prosecuted; and, if they are true, he is morally unfit to hold public office and should be kicked out.

It may also be observed that if these would-be purists were honest in their convictions that it is wrong to charge Aberhart with public misconduct, they would themselves refrain from committing exactly the same offence against those whom they criticise. By their own logic, they should keep their own mouths shut.

We invite criticism; that is, criticism directed at specific refutation of our arguments, and we shall be grateful to anyone who can show us where we are wrong. But we despise this cowardly tribe of snipers who, instead of fighting in the open, shoot their poison darts of slander by innuendo and suggestion. We shall consider it a special duty to snatch their fake halos of self-righteousness from their sanctimonious brows and cast them into the gutter of hypocrisy—from where they filched them in the first place, and where they belong.

MARK OF THE BEAST.—Aberhart's attack on J. J. Bowlen, M.L.A., during the Athabasca bye-election in regard to the latter's citizenship was not only poor sportsmanship and putrid politics. It was more. It was another striking illustration of Aberhart's cowardly nature. Also, those who condoned the offence are as rotten as Aberhart himself.

SALVATION BY LAW.—"Social Credit is merely Christianity applied to everyday affairs," the high priest of the gospel of something-for-nothing declared in Edmonton on Nov. 6. Whatever Social Credit may be, if one is to judge by the methods used to allegedly introduce it, it most certainly cannot be Christianity. But then it must be borne in mind that Aberhart is of the persecution type of would-be Christian who would force their special brand of alleged Christianity down the throats of their victims by the law, stake and sword. His conception of Christianity is one of force, suppression and regimentation, instead of charity, free expression and individual liberty of action. Considering his acknowledged belief in numerology, his pollution of a pulpit with obvious hypocrisy and deception, together with his intolerance, Aberhart's religion patently is not Christianity, but superstition and fraud.

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REBELETTES

"OLD-TIMER" TELLS 'EM.—Says William Cousins, former mayor of Medicine Hat, and well-known pioneer of the West, in his column, "Old Timer Tells," in the Nov. 14 issue of the Lethbridge Herald: "... Like Hitler, they (the Aberhart government) have us where the hair is short at present, but fortunately the courts, the Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Constitution, the good old press, the banks and the money barons are doing what they can to see that we don't have to line up against a brick wall for a firing squad to shoot at. But just the same it is nearly time we did something more about letting the voters in this province know the real truth as to the character of this outfit. Jack Zubick, with his Rebel, did a good job while he was at it, and nearly went broke. It was he who woke the voters up, and laid the foundation for those protest meetings, which had the effect of electing Doctor Campbell in Lethbridge and E. L. Gray in Edmonton." —Thanks, Old Timer! We know you wouldn't flatter us, and while you give us too much credit, there is much truth in what you say. If those opposed to the government had maintained their indignation at the pitch it was when the "first" Rebel was on the job, instead of allowing party bickerings to divert their attention from the main issue (after we quit), it is possible that Aberhart would have been forced to resign long ago. But you know what happened. However, the real patriots of Alberta who want honesty in government and are determined to preserve freedom of speech and British justice, can oust Aberhart at whatever time they can SHOW enough fighting spirit to indicate to him that they mean business. The Rebel can help to arouse and give expression to that fighting spirit; and to this end we are back on the job. But the effectiveness of that job will be determined almost entirely by the measure in which, by their moral and financial support, they make it possible for us to give voice to their sentiments. Only ACTION will remove Aberhart. Therefore, if we have not the gumption to ACT in defence of our freedom, we do not deserve to have it and even Aberhartism is too good for us.

BOYCOTT 'EM!—In the course of a public address in Calgary on Nov. 7, the Hon. E. C. Manning declared that as the three percent discount on purchases of Alberta goods with the new treasury cheque method could be obtained only when the merchant from whom the purchase is made had signed a treasury house contract with the government, and that purchasers should ascertain whether or not the merchant had signed up before spending their money with him. Quite obviously, the new treasury house stuff is to be used as an instrument for reviving and fostering the boycott idea so dear to the hearts of Bros. Manning, Aberhart, et al.

ABOVE THE LAW?—Are the gentlemen whose duty it is to enforce the law in regard to the broadcasting of political addresses 48 hours before elections afraid of Aberhart, or is he not subject to the laws of the land? If he is also subject unto the powers that be, why was he permitted to broadcast his political stuff from Edmonton on the night immediately preceding the Athabasca bye-election, when all other parties were barred from the air?

NO SLUSH FUND?—In his Calgary broadcast of Nov. 13, Aberhart denied that the government had "spent money like water" in the Athabasca bye-election and that it had a "slush fund." Aberhart may not regard the

\$100,000 appropriation of public funds for Social Credit party propaganda as a slush fund, but we all know that that is precisely what it is; and we know that this party propaganda, paid for with money from the PUBLIC treasury, was used in the Athabasca constituency for the purpose of getting votes for the Social Credit party candidate. It is not easy to understand how a professed man of God, a man claiming to be honest and sincere and fair and just, can be so dishonest, insincere, unfair and unjust as to dip into the pockets of those OPPOSED to him and filch from them THEIR money to pay for HIS party propaganda. But it is true. By appropriating PUBLIC funds to pay for its party propaganda, the Aberhart government did just that. That this theft of public funds was made legal (?) by an act of the legislature, does not make the "grab" any less dishonest than a straight robbery by a common thief, but more so. But, then, perhaps Mr. Aberhart was only indulging in one of his pet simulations. With his elastic conscience, he could speciously deny that the government had spent money "like water," because, to split hairs like only he can when it suits his purpose to evade an issue, the money was, in truth, spent, not "like water," but like MONEY. Those who may feel that our dear premier would not resort to such a cheap manner of evasion are reminded of the time when he "denied" the charge that he had a bank account in VANCOUVER by saying he did not have a bank account in SEATTLE. However, in the present case, all his denials serve but to emphasize his duplicity; for there IS a government "slush fund," PUBLIC money IS being spent for Social Credit propaganda; and nothing Mr. Aberhart can say to the contrary can possibly alter that fact. Never the less, cowardly and dishonest though his conduct in this matter, it is only what can be expected of him, and the greater shame is therefore to those who, knowing the facts, tolerate this disgraceful abuse of power.

Good Old 1935!

By Lew Wrigglesworth, Didsbury

In a corner of the cupboard in my shack, the other day,
I spied a dusty paper folded up an' tucked away.
So I went an' got my horn-rims—sure it was a big surprise,
That there once-familiar journal, I could hardly trust my eyes.
Soon my pan it got t' smilin'—then the smile became a grin,
Till the grin turned to a chuckle—I jus' couldn't hold 'er in—
As I read it and re-read it, for as true as I'm alive
'Twas a "Social Credit Chronicle" of Nineteen-thirty-five!

Oh, the hooley that dear sheet contained!—There'd be no taxes then;
No more mortgages nor, interest to worry us again;
Ev'ry money-lender busted, all the banks'd go t'smash,
Since we'd use our own darned credit ("let 'em keep their filthy cash!")
Then to heck with gopher-eating—gunny-sacking, too, would end,
'Cause a change was surely comin'—Uncle Abie was our friend.
Then each would get his dividend—they'd start with twenty-five—
If we pulled for Social Credit strong in Nineteen-thirty-five.

Now we're sorta gettin' skeptical, I think I hear a wail
That the gunnies need repairin' and the gopher-chops are stale,
But our Premier there at Edmonton, he's gay as any lamb—
Clothed in swanky modern raiment and consumin' eggs an' ham.
But he draws his pay in currency—the good old-fashioned way—
And he's got a swell new limousine to tote him round each day;
Still he seems t've got the notion that us hombres can survive
On his Social Credit promises of Nineteen-thirty-five.

Yes, that boy is sure some wonder, and he's fairly nervy too,
Seen's how he's raised the taxes on poor guys like me an' you;
And that act of legislation which we hoped was "the recall"—
He got busy and repealed it, so it wouldn't work at all.
So he's sittin' kinda pretty for another year or so,
When we'll use our vote to tell 'im that it's time t'pack and go;
Even should he create new ones or endeavor to revive
Those old broken, crazy promises of Nineteen-thirty-five.

Who Runs Alberta Government?

When the Aberhart government—which poses as the enemy of the Fifty Big Shots, the Money Barons and Financial Interests in general, and as the divinely-directed champion of the underdog in particular — enacts legislation avowedly intended to serve the laudable purpose of conserving the natural gas which has for so many years been depleted through wasteful methods in the Turner Valley oilfield; and when the attempt to apply this alleged conservation measure results in open defiance of the law by certain independent oil producers because they claim that they are being discriminated against by the government to the benefit of the big interests; and when the government calls a special session of the legislature to enact legislation that will prevent the independent producers from going to the courts of law to protect their interests; and when, despite the representations of these independent producers, the government does actually enact such legislation; and when, coupled with this it is found that the Imperial Oil interests, whom the legislation is said to favor at the expense of the independents, **DO NOT OPPOSE** the legislation but apparently are quite content with it, when these things happen—and they **HAVE** happened during the past few weeks, then it is a reasonable assumption that there is something radically wrong somewhere. Under such circumstances we have not only the definite assurance that the Aberhart government is determined to continue with its dictatorial designs of robbing citizens of their inherent right to justice in the courts, but the people are also justified in seriously asking whether, despite its pious protestations to the contrary, the Aberhart government is not actually under the domination of the very financial interests it professes so vociferously to combat.

Bear in mind, please, that a **SPECIAL SESSION** of the legislature was called for the specific purpose of introducing this iniquitous piece of legislation. Its full import and implications were undoubtedly taken into account by those who designed it. The principle involved strikes at the very heart of democratic government, and if countenanced by the public at large, will mean a shameful surrender of one of the prime essentials of liberty — justice in the courts. It is therefore a matter of vital importance to **EVERY CITIZEN**, and it is our intention to deal with it in future issues as well as in a series of radio broadcasts.

THE REBEL'S

Political Platform

—In which we answer the question,
“What have you to offer?”

Not long ago a Calgarian who took a leading part in the early days of Social Credit propaganda and who was in no small measure responsible for putting Aberhart “on the map,” said to us:

“Oh, yes! You and Joe Shaw and Bill Irvine and some other smart guys are always telling us what a crook Aberhart is. But we know all about that. We know he is a crook. What we want to know is what have you fellows to offer.”

The same old gag! It was used to such devastating effect by Social Crediters against opposing parties in 1935 that despite the simple, elementary and incontrovertible fact that their's was the only party which had no plan or platform, it won the election; and as the same question will undoubtedly be hurled at us again, we desire to make our position in regard to it quite clear. We speak, of course, not for the Messrs. Shaw and Irvine, but for ourself alone.

We repeat and emphasize that apart from Aberhart's

silky and impossible promise of free pie from the sky, his was the only party which had no plan or platform, and therefore in reality was the only one which had nothing to offer. All other parties at least had definite, specific plans, in printed form, so they could be analysed and studied. True, Aberhart SAID he had a plan whereby he could perform his miracle. He SAID this alleged plan could be carried into effect **LEGALLY**, within the framework of the constitution. But between what Aberhart **SAYS** and the **TRUTH** there is a “great gulf fixed.” We said then, and all the world knows now, that Aberhart had no plan at all; and he has none today. Therefore, we repeat, the Aberhart party was elected not because it **HAD** a plan, but precisely because it **HAD NO PLAN**. We must repeat and emphasize, too, that there always have been and are **NOW** definite, practical plans available as against the complete non-existence of a Social Credit plan.

So, for a Social Creditor to ask what we have to offer indicates that he either is not satisfied with what the opposing parties have to offer, or that he still believes in Aberhart. In relation to the first attitude, his position is ridiculous, and to the second, it is pathetic. If he does not believe in Aberhart and yet condemns the opposing plans, the onus is really upon HIM to offer a Social Credit alternative, as there is today no such thing. On the other hand, if he believes Aberhart to be honest and possessed of the magical power to produce \$25 to \$75 per month out of the blue sky for every citizen, he should be right behind the wizard, heart and soul. He would be a fool to consider any alternative program that did not offer a bigger bribe. Likewise, those leaders of political parties are very foolish who think that, without exposing Aberhart as the fraud that he is, in a manner that will open the eyes of his followers, they can wean these people away from him with the lure of an honest program. If they are honest themselves, it should be obvious to them that the more honest and practical their programs, the less would they appeal to those blinded by Aberhart's deception.

Therefore, the problem is not primarily one of offering constructive alternatives to replace Aberhartism or Social Credit. The immediate need is for recognition that Aberhartism is a fraud and that Social Credit never has had and has not now anything to offer. Constructive proposals there must be, and there are. But along with their presentation must go, as a basis for their recognition, the fearless and complete exposure of Aberhartism as a vicious fraud. Aberhart must be forced into a position where he will be compelled to publicly acknowledge his deception and thus re-open the minds of those whom he has deceived, to the extent where they shall be able to give rational consideration to sane and practical proposals.

In essence, the first need is for honesty in public affairs. And **THAT** is what The Rebel has to offer. Our first concern is not about parties, plans and platforms. Our political philosophy is exactly the opposite of the Social Credit “Results Not Methods.” We are quite sure that wrong methods must bring disastrous results. We are convinced, above all, by the lessons of history, by logic, observation and experience, that no system or plan or program in government or in any other sphere of life can function rightly without a **RIGHT MORAL FOUNDATION**. Permit a gang of crooks to administer the most perfect of systems, and they will wreck it. So, if we may paraphrase the Scriptural injunction to “seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you,” we say, let us first insist upon honesty in public affairs, and we shall have good government. It is certain that we shall never have it otherwise.

WILL HE FIGHT?—Continued.

you were a citizen of average moral standards who had acquired office by honorable means, we could differ with you and yet honor and respect you. If we could regard you as a sincere though misinformed man whose blunders were due to honest but mistaken judgment, the ordinary, orthodox methods of criticism applied under ordinary circumstances would be adequate to meet the requirements of the situation, and there would be no excuse for the existence of The Rebel.

But you are not a sincere man. You did not win office by honorable means. Your public crimes are not mere errors of judgment. You are manifestly insincere and dishonest. You insinuated yourself into office by fraud and deception, and you are retaining office by false pretenses. It would therefore be dishonest to treat you like an honest man.

Now, while we hold you in complete contempt, we desire to be absolutely fair with you. We could not possibly be more fair than we are when we offer specific proof in support of our every charge, invite you to correct us if you think us wrong, and stand ready to make retraction where we are shown to be wrong, or to substantiate our charges in a court of law where we feel them to be right. Very well, we say that you are a liar, a crook, a coward and a traitor. Let us examine into your public conduct in respect of some of those matters upon which we base these serious allegations.

1. **A LIAR.**—We do not here mean to quibble over small, insignificant inaccuracies, minor exaggerations or inconsequential slips of the tongue, such as anyone may commit under the stress of circumstance. We mean that your lies are of that particularly foul, cowardly, vicious order designed not merely to misrepresent a matter, but to obtain credence for a falsehood by corruption of morals and perversion of conscience. You have not hesitated to use even the Bible and the Name of God Himself for the express purpose of deluding innocent, trusting souls to accept your foulest lies as Gospel Truth. We can think of nothing more vile and blasphemous than that. You obtained power by means of just such a lie in respect of your entire alleged Social Credit scheme.

It is not necessary to recount all of the absurd promises you made. The one basic consideration the vital significance and importance of which must always be kept in mind is the METHOD you employed to obtain credence for your senseless gibberish. You had the blasphemous effrontery to take your crazy concoction into a pulpit, from where, as part of an unholy admixture of religion, politics, virulent abuse and slander of opponents, and circus ballyhoo, you proclaimed it as "applied Christianity"—and even the "economy of God;" thus blasphemously claiming DIVINE INFALLIBILITY for your silly nostrum. That so many people failed to recognize your monstrous lie for what it was and, instead, swallowed it as Gospel truth, does not make it any less a lie, but rather confirms its viciousness and potency. The important fact is that you are holding the office of premier of Alberta today in consequence of your blasphemous lie having been accepted as truth. Therefore we say with all emphasis that you stole your way into office by means of a cruel, calculated, blasphemous lie.

Having lied your way into office, it was, of course, inevitable that in order to maintain your fraud, you would be compelled to keep on lying. By the very nature of your position, it became necessary for you to premeditate lying and to avoid truth just as scrupulously as an honest person will seek truth and avoid falsehood. So you lied—about anything and everything; about your alleged "plan" to introduce Social Credit, about the prosperity certificates, about Brougham, the Ross resignation, the Recall Act, attendance at Social Credit meetings, etc. In fact, we challenge you or anyone else to give even ONE example where in regard to your alleged endeavors to introduce Social Credit YOU HAVE EVER TOLD THE TRUTH.

2. **A CROOK.**—When we say that you are a crook, we do not mean to include you with burglars, bank robbers and common crooks in general. A highwayman is a gentleman in comparison with you. He at least has enough "guts" not to pretend to be what he is not, and to take the consequences of his acts. YOU are too yellow to employ the regular weapons and methods of a common thief. Your methods are those of the confidence man who sells a fake gold-brick by worming his way into the confidence of his victim by means of flattery, clever appeals to avarice, etc.; in brief, by deception of the most despicable nature. It was by ingratiating yourself into the confidence of your victims by subtle appeals to their vanity and cupidity, by emphasizing their economic distress, by arousing all their baser passions of greed, bigotry and intolerance, by posing as their divinely-inspired saviour,—by gilding your Social Credit gold-brick of something-for-nothing with a coating of emotionalistic religion; it was by these means that you insinuated yourself into office. You are therefore the very lowest kind of crook. You stole the office of premier. The honor which you have thus acquired is a pilfered honor. Every dollar that you have drawn from the public treasury you have gotten by fraud, and if justice were to be done, you would be compelled to return every cent of it or be sent to jail.

You are a crook indeed. And, as in relation to our charge that you are a liar, we challenge you or anyone else to provide even ONE example of honesty out of your public conduct in connection with the promotion of your political nostrum of Social Credit. If you are not a crook, it should be easy to produce at least one example of honesty; and if you or anyone else can do so, we shall gladly apologize.

3. **A COWARD.**—Being both a liar and a crook, you naturally would be a coward. Lying and dishonesty are the chief ingredients

of cowardice; and it is a matter of record that your entire public conduct is one disgraceful exhibition of cowardice after another.

You are a coward because you declared, from your pulpit, which made your utterance to be in the nature of an oath before God, that you had a "perfect plan" for the introduction of Social Credit, but refused to divulge it or to admit, until after you were in office, that you never had a plan.

You are a coward because while you, as a public servant, should above all others be held strictly accountable—and should personally wish to be held accountable—for your public conduct, you sought, by one of the first legislative acts of your government, to exempt yourself from the jurisdiction of the courts.

You are a coward because while on the one hand you tried to obtain immunity against court action to punish your possible public crimes, you did, on the other, try to bar citizens from defending themselves in the courts against your illegal persecutions.

You are a coward because you vilified and slandered your opponents by insinuation and innuendo from your pulpit, without naming your opponents and offering proof to substantiate your allegations.

You are a coward because you urged your followers to boycott the opposition newspapers and sought, by legislation, to muzzle the press and destroy freedom of speech.

You are a coward because after promising a Recall measure which would make it possible to recall an unwanted member of the legislature, you (your government) provided an act under the restrictions of which it was virtually impossible to effect recall; and yet, when despite this handicap, the people of your own constituency instituted recall proceedings against you, you had your own Recall Act repealed in order to save your seat. Only a dirty coward would change the rules in the middle of the game.

And so we could go on through your entire public record since you stole your way into office. We challenge you or anyone else to cite even ONE example out of your major public acts during your term of office that was NOT cowardly.

4. **A TRAITOR.**—Here again we do not quibble over terms. When we say that you are a traitor, we do not mean merely that you have been false to your supporters and friends and that you have deceived the public in general in regard to your Social Credit scheme. We mean that you have been guilty of public crimes in which you not only violated laws of the country but which in their nature were acts of sedition and disloyalty calculated to incite people to violence and to bring established law and order into disrepute and contempt.

You are a traitor because while you obtained power on the definite assurance that you had a perfect plan for implementing your promise of free dividends LEGALLY, within the framework of the Constitution, after you had gained power your every major legislative act was ILLEGAL, in direct contravention of your solemn pre-election assurance, and specifically designed to destroy the chief foundation stones of British democracy—freedom of conscience and speech and impartial justice in the courts.

You are a traitor because when your illegal legislative acts were condemned as such by the courts, you, who as attorney general are under oath taken before Almighty God to uphold law and order, violated your oath by heaping abuse upon the courts and the federal authorities, and by a campaign of ridicule and sedition incited your followers to contempt for law and order.

You are a traitor because by signing the so-called "secret pledge" in which you affirm it as your first duty to uphold the Social Credit Board and regard your government to be "at war," you have violated your oath of office and have virtually resigned your office of premier except for purposes of propaganda.

You are a traitor because during the recent European crisis when the Empire was on the brink of war, you made political capital of the situation by denouncing the British concept of contractual obligations as "foolish," thereby inciting to disloyalty, giving comfort to potential enemies within and without the state at a most critical period in the history of the Empire; thus demonstrating your moral unfitness for the high and responsible position you occupy. Undoubtedly such an utterance under those circumstances would have brought you before a court, if not a firing squad, in any country outside of the Empire.

Now, Mr. Premier, we know you too well to expect you to reply to this letter. You may indeed, as you have done in the past, bleat piteously to high heaven of your injured innocence and rave hysterically about "diabolical misrepresentation and skulduggery." You may insinuate that we are the "tool" of the "financial barons," and you may pose as a martyr and even offer hypocritical prayers about blessing "them that persecute you." But as for answering our charges, you will not do it. You will not because you CANNOT. In your guilty heart you know that we have not said anything that is not a matter of public record. You know that in fact all we have done is to strip some of your public acts of their camouflage. We have taken your own acts, those which you boast of as your virtue and strength, and have shown them to be your vice and weakness.

Moreover, if it can be shown that all or any of your utterances which we have charged to be lies are not lies; that the dishonesty we have attributed to you is not dishonesty; that your acts which we describe as cowardly are not cowardly; that your use of religion in the manner in which you have employed it is not, as we charge, blasphemy; and that those acts which we allege to be traitorous are not traitorous; in brief, if it can be shown that we are wrong in anything we have said

against you, nothing could afford us greater satisfaction than to be put right. We speak of you as we do because we feel that you are a serious menace to the economic, moral and spiritual welfare of our country. This publication will go into thousands of homes throughout the province and beyond, and in it you will be held up as a liar, a crook, a coward, blasphemer and traitor. No one is more deeply conscious than we are of the seriousness of these allegations. No one is more desirous than we are of being corrected if we are wrong. If you think us wrong, criminally wrong, as you must if you regard yourself innocent, as you profess, it is your duty as Premier, as attorney general, as a man, to take appropriate action.

We ask no favors. After all, we are not fighting you personally, as an individual, but the evils which we allege you to personify. You are a mere incident, not an issue. The real issue is one of honesty and decency in public affairs. Have you the courage to face that issue?

WARNING

To Premier Aberhart

Some time ago a war veteran, who, by the way, holds an important position in the provincial civil service, told us that he was ready to shoulder a gun and march on Edmonton at any time to "mop up" the political gangsters in control of the provincial government. We have heard others, including non-veterans, express similar sentiments on many occasions.

We have always deprecated the use of physical force against the Aberhart government. However, it is a fact that this sentiment exists and that it is probably more widespread than many realize. Further, it is not likely that Mr. Aberhart is fully aware of the true situation. It is known that instead of keeping him properly informed in regard to public sentiment, his fanatical followers deceive and flatter him; and it is equally well known that Mr. Aberhart loves flattery and hates being told the truth. He appears incapable of appreciating that his flatterers have in reality been his worst enemies.

Therefore, whether he likes it or not, we warn Mr. Aberhart that there is real danger in the situation, not merely to him personally, but to the public good. War veterans have been very patient with Mr. Aberhart; but they will not submit indefinitely to his violations of the very principles for which they fought and suffered untold hardships during the Great War and for which so many of their comrades laid down their lives. Thousands of non-veterans are no less resentful of his offences against the foundation principles of British democracy and no less determined to preserve them at any cost. No man has the right to hold public office in the face of such wide-spread disapproval and contempt for him as prevails in Alberta against Premier Aberhart; and we warn him in all kindness and sincerity that his either ignorant or callous disregard of the resentment against him is fraught with serious danger to the public welfare. His will be the responsibility for the consequences if some citizen in an excess of patriotic zeal should take it into his head to translate the prevalent urge to tyrannicide into fatal reality.

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A CHALLENGE TO WAR VETERANS—Continued.

of loyalty professed by war veterans imposes upon them the obligation to defend them against attack and to propagate them to the common welfare at every opportunity. It is an undeniable fact that these principles have been frequently attacked during the past three years by the Communist-supported government of Alberta. Obviously, therefore, veterans have the clear duty of taking action in harmony with the obligations imposed upon them by their profession of these principles.

It has been publicly intimated that one of the principal reasons behind the King's forthcoming visit to Canada next summer is the apparent danger to confederation in the disruptive forces at work and which are threatening national and Empire unity.

And where, in all Canada, is there a greater menace to national and Empire unity than right here in Alberta, where we have a government openly dedicated to a policy of rebellion against and defiance of constituted national authority, law and order, and just as openly bent upon destroying the very foundations of British democracy—free speech and open courts!

The Aberhart government falsely claims that Alberta is a "sovereign state."

The Aberhart government has wilfully passed legislation which it knew to be illegal.

By refusing to present its case before the Royal Commission appointed by His Majesty to investigate Dominion-provincial relations with the view of strengthening national unity, the Aberhart government held our Sovereign in contempt and encouraged disunity.

Premier Aberhart who, as attorney general, is the chief law enforcement officer of the province; and who should set the chief example of respect for law and order, has, by his illegal legislation and by holding superior authority and the courts of law up to public ridicule and contempt, set the chief example of disrespect for law and order.

The entire record of Premier Aberhart and his government has been one of attack upon the fundamentals of national and Empire unity, including even acts of sedition and disloyalty to the Crown.

To have such a premier and such a government in office when the King visits us next summer would be an insult to His Majesty, a dishonoring of the memory of our dead comrades and a denial of our principles of loyalty to King and country.

It would mean that Albertans condone and applaud the claims to Alberta's sovereignty, the affront to the Royal Commission, the official contempt for law and order and the attacks upon the institutions of free speech and justice and the foundation principles of British democracy in general.

Therefore we do not hesitate to throw out the challenge to our former comrades of the Great War, that as patriots loyal to the Crown and committed to national and Empire unity, their clear duty is to remove Aberhart and his government from office before the King arrives in Canada.

Veterans of Alberta! Following Aberhart's utterance during the recent European crisis in which he described the British concept of contractual obligations as "foolish," the veterans of Calgary and Edmonton, voicing the sentiments of all true Britishers, denounced the utterance as calculated to encourage potential enemies, as an insult to every living veteran and a stain upon the memory of our dead comrades.

Are we going to submit to the degradation and humiliation of having this traitor, this moral pervert, who made political capital out of a most critical situation in Empire history, to represent us before our King! Or shall we demonstrate our loyalty and prove our determination to have a

united Canada and Empire by unitedly demanding his resignation or expulsion from office and opportunity for the public to repudiate the pretensions of this unprincipled demagogue and the destructive machinations of his gang of wreckers?

When the King arrives in Alberta, looking for evidence of loyalty and unity and liberty and justice—as he will, shall he be met officially, as our first citizen and personal representative, by Aberhart, the preacher of disloyalty, the instigator of disunity, the destroyer of liberty and traducer of justice?

Is our patriotism a sham and a lie? Everything for which we fought and our comrades died is comprehended in the two main foundation principles of British democracy—freedom of speech and free access to the courts of justice. And it is precisely these two basic institutions which Aberhart has with greatest zeal sought to destroy! Why? If he believed in liberty, would he, as he has done, seek to suppress the most important of all liberties—of conscience and speech? If he believed in justice, would he seek to deprive any citizen, even the worst criminal, of the right to trial in a court of law?

Undoubtedly many of us who fought in the Great War killed better men than Aberhart for less offence against the cause of democracy than he has given in his every major public act. No, we are not advocating violence for the elimination of Aberhart. That would do him too great honor. But we are urging veterans to appreciate that on the record of his public conduct, Aberhart, although more cowardly and insidious, and therefore more dangerous, undoubtedly is an enemy to our democracy no less real than those in the fight against who so much good Canadian blood was spilled in the Great War.

A true soldier does not discard his patriotism when he removes his uniform. A real patriot fights as zealously and courageously for his ideals in time of peace as he does in time of war; and peace-time failure to fight for the same principles for which he fought in bloody war is cowardice no less despicable than desertion in the face of the enemy on the battle-field. True, because it is so much easier to evade peace-time obligations than war-time duties, the discharge of civil responsibility requires courage of an order even higher than that of military service. But the peace-time evasion of duty rather blackens than minimizes the moral cowardice which it reveals.

We have a most serious situation. Canada is disintegrating before our very eyes, and nowhere else are the forces of disruption more evident and active than in Alberta. And here these forces, organized as they are in the form of a political party actually in control of the government, are the more easily recognized for what they are. Their malignant designs and intentions to destroy the foundations of national unity and democratic government have been openly demonstrated by their official, legislative attempts to destroy them. Therefore, the situation is a challenge to all good citizens to openly recognize the openly declared enemy as such, and to ACT ACCORDINGLY.

Who has a better right, and who a greater responsibility, to peace-time defence of democracy than those who fought for it in time of war? Therefore, just as service at the Front in the awful days of war was not a matter of partizan political expediency, just so is it today not a matter of partizan politics, but of patriotic duty, for every true patriot to demand with a voice that will not be denied that Aberhart, the openly-declared enemy of every fundamental of British democracy, must be out of office before the King's visit to our country.

We would appreciate hearing from war veterans, and all who take their citizenship seriously, in regard to the foregoing, with the view of organizing and giving effective expression to public sentiment on the matter.